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The Enduring Riches.

Our divine Teacher commanded his followers, when he was upon the earth, to lay up treasure above, where moth and rust would not corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal. That which we accumulate here possessing a money value is constantly in danger of being taken by the lawless, of being destroyed by falling in the way of angry elements, fire, wind or water, by some internal convulsion of the earth, or by changes that take place in the form and administration of government. The goods of this world that God has intrusted to our keeping are subject to all these dangers, and indeed, the man who places his trust in the riches of this world, is building upon sand, and not upon the solid rock. How many there are who have trusted too much in the uncertain riches, and have fallen victims to unprincipled persons, and lost the earnings of many years of labor through misrepresentation and fraud of others.

But he who seeks the enduring riches shall never be disappointed. He is sure of obtaining a reward for his labors, and as years roll on and the silvery hairs declare the approaching dissolution of mortality, the treasure in heaven grows dearer and more valuable.

The agents of heaven in no way misrepresent the value of that which they desire you to possess for yourself. There is no fraud practiced upon you, and no one is able to take away your hope and rejoicing if you continue steadfast in the faith once given to the saints. No clashing of elements, no destructive storms, no raging fire, no angry flood, can molest the treasure that is above.

Lay hold upon the enduring riches, and you will have possessions, when all terrestrial matter shall be melted and returned to the Creator's hands to be moulded into a new heaven and a new earth.

The Lutheran Synod.

Last week the East Ohio Synod of the Lutheran Church was held in this place, and considered various questions pertaining to church work and church extension.

It is needless to say that such meetings are a great benefit to the ministers who engage therein, and to the church they represent generally. It must be admitted by every careful observer that occasional meetings of such a class are indispensable to the welfare of any movement in

which persons are engaged, who reside in different parts of a given locality or state or section of the country.

A comparing of notes, of plans of work and results, not only call out new and valuable thoughts, and suggest improvements upon methods already in practice, but incite to greater activity and arouse ambition for greater results.

A movement ought to be inaugurated in the Brethren Church to organize ministerial associations in States like Ohio and Indiana, where there are ministers in the active work, and zealous brethren and sisters, for the purpose of encouraging one another, comparing plans of work and making provisions for a greater work of grace.

There is liberty in division, to be sure; but the fault is, there is too much liberty and not enough union. Each minister is about alone, and in many cases seems to be for himself alone. He can go and preach any place he can find room if he pays his own expenses and gathers his knowledge at his own cost.

We want more union, more concert of action. One brother may have ten cents that he is willing to apply in sending preachers to other people, but that will do very little alone. It would only pay the cost of traveling three or four miles by rail. One hundred ten cents, though, would make ten dollars, and this judiciously spent might be the means of bringing a number of souls to Christ, and commence a work that would show fruit in the Kingdom of God.

We need more complete plans of work, and we can not commence to frame them too soon.

Cardinal Mc Closkey.

Cardinal Mc Closkey died at his residence in New York City, Saturday Oct. 10th, and in that death the first American Cardinal of the Roman Catholic church passed away.

He was ordained as a Priest in 1834, and was then 25 years of age. Ten years after he was ordained a bishop, and twenty years after, to the order of Archbishop, and on March 15, 1875, he was honored, with the red hat.

His administration has been a season of prosperity for the Catholic Church in the United States, and it stands to-day as the most thoroughly organized and one among the few wealthy religious bodies in this nation.

The advances of Romanism in this country are becoming more bold and defiant.

In Europe, Rome is fighting liberty with all the power at her command, but here in America it is beloved and extolled, and further freedom is asked—all for the interests of Rome, however—and freedom of worship is demanded by her priesthood, which means the establishment of Roman ceremonies to the exclusion of the Bible, in many benevolent institutions of the land. Rome is now what she was in the dark ages, and is a menace to the privileges we enjoy in this country.

Contention over the Revision.

The whole Bible, as given to us by King James in 1611, has been revised and is now before the world for acceptance or con-

demnation. Some accept it as a more desirable book than the one it presumes to correct and improve.

Scholars, here and there, are picking out defects, and talk about revising the revised, and there is a contention going on, about the rendering of many different passages.

While the new translation removes the falseness that the language of some passages sets forth, on the whole, the translation is, for use, no better than the old, and the power and beauty of many texts are destroyed in a measure; and it is our belief that little can be done to improve the authorized translation. The palpable errors that it contains, ought to be removed, but wholesale changes in texts, can create no greater love for the good Book, and will not present the truths of inspiration in language more intelligible.

Activity.

Activity is one of the most valuable properties of character that any one can possess. It has been said that an ounce of energy will go farther than a pound of talent, and there is much truth in the saying. The man who possesses a great degree of activity will accomplish considerable in some sphere of life, even though his ability is only ordinary. The person who is always busy can not live through the world without doing; he must work; he will work.

This quality of character, like many others, can be cultivated; and if a person has, by inheritance, a sluggish organization, he can, by the exercise of the kingly authority of the will, so remould himself that he will seem to be a different person entirely. It is said of the now famous founder of the Ada University, Ohio, that he formerly possessed a very measured manner of speech, and that after some years of absence from his native place, he returned to deliver an address, and he talked so rapidly that the people were surprised. He, himself, was not conscious of such a great change having taken place in his style of speech, but to them it appeared strange. Thus, by constant application in the work of managing a developing institution of learning, he greatly increased his activity in speech, as well as, the rapidity with which he disposed of work.

There is no place where activity is of more value than in church work. A service that drags along as though it was a journey to a death-trap, is uninteresting to the mind and poor food to the soul. When work is being done for Christ it should be done as though it was an enjoyable exercise, instead of a burdensome task.

Let Christian activity be cultivated until our prayers ring with life, and our songs rise as sweet incense, to our Maker.

It is best for man that his maintenance should be in God's custody, to be called for every day; for if a man had his provision for many days in his own power, and God should cast off his care for him, either he would lavish it out too fast, or thieves might steal it, or vermin devour it, and then he might starve; hence the blessedness of "give us this day our daily bread," spiritually as well as temporally.—HENRY SCUDDER, 16th CENTURY.

Semi-Editorial.

O horror, how my last contribution was distorted! What nonsense a careless printer can make out of well-prepared manuscript! I had not written that I had preached at Burris' Chapel three miles north of "Deutsch Gespräch," but north of Akron, Ind. I am very sorry for the omission, for the circumstances, etc. described are so far back in the past and I have met so many persons and been at so many places since then that I can not now recall what I had written. The friends will please pardon. But I remember that I visited at Bro. Noah Heater's, and that he accompanied me on my mission and otherwise assisted me in my work. That he lives in the town of Akron and is the minister in charge of the church; that I visited at Bro. Wächter's and Bro. Pontious, and preached at the Germany school house on Friday night, and that Bro. Pontious brought me from this place to Bro. John L. Zook's, at Roann, on Saturday forenoon, and perhaps it was during the time we journeyed between the two places that the *deutsch gespraech* occurred above alluded to, which being interpreted means simply a German conversation. Of course, if our former account can be found, it will be published.

At Roann I attended the communion on Saturday evening, Sept. 26th, and preached on Sunday forenoon and evening, and Monday evening had my college meeting. The donations were not very encouraging, although those who did anything did as much as could be expected. My home was at Bro. Zook's, and I visited also Bro. Shelly Arthur's, Bro. Wagoner's, and Bro. Aaron Brower's, and the last evening had an interesting social meeting at Bro. Z's. in company with brothers Aldridge and Lowman, and sisters Lowman, Awkerman and perhaps others besides the family.

Bro. Summers, who is in charge of the church at Roann, was with us, which was all the ministerial force. A number of the North Manchester members were present, and sisters Miller and Wolfe, of Tiosa, and Fox and Cunningham of Bunker Hill.

On Tuesday morning went to North Manchester, and enjoyed the hospitality of the Domer House, and Bro. Domer's livery accommodations to Bracken, with Billy Summers as driver. Preached at a school house in the evening and stopped at Bro. George Smith's at night, and on Wednesday visited his mother, sister Smith who is blind and suffering the infirmities of age. In the evening had our college meeting and received a few donations.

On Thursday morning, brother Snyder, at whose house I lodged brought me to North Manchester, where I attended the agricultural fair. It was a success in the way of display of stock and produce, and was the most orderly in its attendance we have ever witnessed. North Manchester, by the way, is one of the best towns we have visited in the State of Indiana. Preached in the Brethren's new meeting house that night to a good audience, and next day set out for Auburn, Ill., where I landed on Saturday morning. Brother

John Beachly met me and took me to his comfortable home about a mile west of town. Also visited brothers Foster's and Poley's and had an interview with Bro. Kimmel. Bro. I. M. Gibson was at the Sunday forenoon appointment, but could not remain for an interview which I regretted.

This visit to Auburn was made to accommodate brother J. H. Swihart, who had gone to Covington, Ohio, to hold a protracted meeting. I enjoyed the visit.

On Wednesday, 7th, landed at Ossian, Ind., and was met by Bro. W. M. Hamilton, the minister of the Eight Mile church, Wells Co. He had arranged to work up the church for the College by personal visits. Accordingly we called at Bro. Henry Casteel's who did his duty, and as the opportunity afforded, Bro. Hamilton put his donation down at the same time. Thence to Bro. Ezekiel Roe's, who kept us all night and gave his donation. Thence to Bro. Hamilton's, and after dinner visited at Bro. Jacob Zion's of the Disciple church. Sister Zion was quite low with consumption, and had but few days on earth. Had a solemn service with her, and left her resigned to her fate.

She was one of the German Baptist bonnet victims, and then went with her husband to the Disciples. We found many such victims in this church, and so many that are lost to our cause.

During the day we announced a meeting for that (Thursday) evening at the German Baptist church, and where meetings continued until Monday evening 12th, all of which were well attended. Bro. Nathan Chaney was received on certificate, and sister Sarah Sonner by baptism.

Visited also brethren Nathan Chaney's, Jacob Hoffman's, Jacob Smutz's Michael Gaskill's, and George A. G. Sonner's, and Mr. W. E. Caley's, son-in-law to Bro. Hamilton and sister Bowman, near Hoosier. At the latter place is another victim to elder rule, in the person of sister Mary Bowman, who then went with the Methodists. She is an intelligent lady and a good worker. Her sister, Ida, is with the Brethren, and their mother with the German Baptists.

Brethren Sonner, Smutz and Gaskill also did their share for the College. My visit to the Wells Co. brethren was pleasant, and my labors among them appeared to be appreciated, and we feel as if we had done them at least a little good.

On Tuesday morning Bro. Hamilton brought me to Ossian, and now I am at Auburn Junction, where I had a wait long enough to write this report and a little left.

My next point will be South Bend. Correspondents will address me at Cambria, Clinton Co., Ind., until Nov. 1st.

Brother and sister John W. Gump, of Huntstown, Ind., met me at Eight Mile, and we had a pleasant interview. Expect to pay them a visit early in November. We have that place, Auburn, Sidney, Syracuse, and Lagrange county to visit in Ind. in November. Then to Iowa, and westward Nebraska, Kansas and Mo. Would love to get back to Ohio, and Pennsylvania by Christmas, if possible; but business before pleasure. One thing is certain, I must get over the country more rapidly and run up the donations faster or it will take me another year to raise the necessary amount. Get liberal, brethren, by the time I get around to your place, so I will not need to spend so much time coaxing.

HOLSINGER.